

CHAPTER NO. 792

HOUSE BILL NO. 2484

By Representatives Bittle, Bone, Shepard, Miller

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2699

By Senator Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, and to enact the "Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Highway Act of 2002."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the elected representatives of this state have seen fit to name certain highways in honor of those courageous public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their fellow citizens and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, one such person who is especially deserving of this honor is the late John Robert Davis, a devoted Tennessee State Trooper who courageously gave his life in the line of duty; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of Interstate Highway 40 (The Music Highway) from Mile Marker 163 to Mile Marker 172 in Dickson County is hereby designated as the "Trooper John Robert Davis Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to this exemplary state trooper and his life of purpose and commitment to the public welfare.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers, both eastbound and westbound, designating such segment of Interstate Highway 40 as the "Trooper John Robert Davis Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 54-5-1003. The cost of signage and marking of an interstate, U.S. highway or state highway designated as a memorial highway for a state law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty shall be paid from the highway fund, subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 15, 2002**



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002**



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